

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 38, at line 2, as follows:

PVA (degree of polymerization: 500) was dissolved in a 0.03N NaOH aqueous solution, to prepare 1.0 ml of a 5 wt % PVA solution. To the solution was added 10 mg of the hydroxypropylated polyrotaxane (M_{wPEG} : 35,000; degree of ~~methylation~~ hydroxypropylation: 30 %; degree of inclusion: 22%), and dissolved. To the mixture was added 10 μ L of DVS, and then allowed to stand at temperature of 25°C for 20 hours, to obtain a gelled body of a mixture of PVA and the ~~metylated~~ hydroxypropylated polyrotaxane (Weight ratio of PVA to the hydroxypropylated polyrotaxane = 5 : 1).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 40, at line 11, as follows:

PAA (average molecular weight: 25,000) was dissolved in a 1N NaOH aqueous solution, to prepare 1.0 ml of a 10 wt % PAA solution. Alternatively, a hydroxypropylated polyrotaxane prepared in a manner similar to Example 4 (M_{wPEG} : 500,000; degree of hydroxypropylation: 35 %; degree of inclusion: 29%) was dissolved in a 1N NaOH aqueous solution, to prepare a 10 wt % hydroxypropylated polyrotaxane solution. To 1.0 ml of the PAA solution was added 10 μ L of the ~~methyated~~ hydroxypropylated polyrotaxane solution, and mixed. To the resulting mixture was added 20 μ L of 1,4-butanediol glycidyl ether, and then allowed to stand at temperature of 50°C for 20 hours, to obtain a gelled body of a mixture of PAA and the hydroxypropylated polyrotaxane (Weight ratio of PAA to the hydroxypropylated polyrotaxane = 100 : 1).